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1. [REDACTED] Communist Party leaders are at present engaged in very serious discussions as to the course of their future policy. They are aware that they must provide for the eventuality of at least a two percent electoral loss, which for them would mean a serious shift in the balance of power. Although no internal split is evident as yet, there are two divergent views within the party as to a future plan of action. One favors the achievement of some sort of rapprochement with the National Socialist Party and, in fact, secret discussions have been going on between selected representatives of the two parties for several weeks. The other group of Communist leaders favors a new agreement with the Social Democrats.

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3. However, the majority within the Executive Committee of the Communist Party favors strengthening cooperation with the Social Democrats for tactical and ideological reasons. Among those taking this line is Smrkovsky, who served on the Prague Revolutionary Committee in 1945, and who is currently looked upon as a potential leader in Communist ranks with a good chance of achieving ministerial status.

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